

June 6, 2005

To: All Illinois 618 NPA Service Providers and Interested Industry Members:

Subject: Draft Minutes of Initial Implementation Meeting and Draft Implementation Plan for the New 730 NPA

Attached are the draft minutes to the May 24, 2005, 618-730 NPA Overlay Implementation Meeting and the draft Implementation Plan to be filed upon finalization with the Illinois Commerce Commission. The industry will meet again on June 14, 2005 to review and approve both of these documents. The details of that meeting are as follows:

Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2005

Time: 11:00 am (PT), 1:00 pm (CT), and 2:00 pm (ET)

Conference Bridge Number: (630) 827 – 6799

Pass code: 8973724 #

If you require additional information or have any questions, please email me at joe.cocke@neustar.biz or give me a call at (805) 520-1945.

Sincerely,
Joseph R. Cocke
Sr. NPA Relief Planner
NANPA

C: George Light – ICC - Staff

Attachments

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**ILLINOIS
618 / 730 NPA OVERLAY
IMPLEMENTATION MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
May 24, 2005**

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & AGENDA REVIEW

Joe Cocke, Senior NPA Relief Planner – NANPA, opened the meeting with introductions, a review of the agenda and the objectives of the meeting. A list of attendees can be found in Attachment #1. Joe mentioned this is our survey month for this quarter and attendees will receive an electronic survey following the meeting.

REVIEW CONSENSUS PROCESS AND MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Cocke stated that the ATIS (Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions) approved industry consensus process would be followed. He reviewed the consensus process and explained the method by which consensus is determined. In addition, Mr. Cocke stated that the minutes would be comprised of consensus items. Silence on the part of the participants will be considered agreement with a proposal, based on those on the call at the time consensus is called.

PURPOSE OF THE CALL

Mr. Cocke stated that the meeting was being held per the industry guidelines, which require the initial implementation meeting to be conducted no later than 45 days following the assignment of a new NPA after a regulator has decided on relief. On April 20, 2005, the ICC ordered an overlay for the 618 NPA. NANPA assigned the 730 NPA on April 22nd. Joe added that NANPA's responsibilities are limited to conducting the initial implementation meeting and it is the industry's responsibility to have sub-committee meetings and to complete the implementation process. Joe stated that NANPA would attend the sub-committee meetings as requested but would not chair them nor record minutes. However, NANPA would assist the industry in initial meeting announcements.

STATUS OF 618 NPA

Joe stated that NANPA has published the April 2005 NRUF forecast and the projected exhaust of the 618 NPA is 2Q2008. NANPA's exhaust projection includes a growth pool of 20 codes for large requests such as new service providers and an annual code demand of 40 codes (3.3 codes per month). Joe noted this is a large geographical area with a high number (242) of rate centers. As of April 30, 2005 the total number of codes available for assignment is 142 and the monthly rationed amount is 5 codes. There are 21 codes in the un-assignable category. There is no carryover provision nor set asides for pooling in the rationing procedures. The YTD code assignment activity is as follows: Jan=0, Feb=6, Mar=5, Apr=1. No codes have been assigned so far during May.

STATUS OF 618 NPA POOLING

Tim Booth, NeuStar Pooling Implementation, reported that pooling commenced July 29, 2002, there are 242 rate centers (RCs), 47 RCs are mandatory pooling, 30 RCs are mandatory with only one service provider, 116 RCs are optional pooling and another 49 RCs are excluded from pooling.

Since pooling began 534 blocks have been assigned and as of 5/3/05 there are 1471 blocks available for assignment.

Kevin Gatchell, NeuStar Pooling Administration, stated four rate centers need an NXX code each for replenishing the pool in the next six months.

REVIEW OF ICC DECISION TO OVERLAY 618 NPA

Joe stated the ICC issued a decision on April 20, 2005, (Order Number 00-0677) for an all services overlay for the IL 618 NPA. The order states the industry is to work together in using conservation measures to extend the life of the 618 NPA as long as possible without the overlay. In the decision the industry is to meet within 60 days to develop an implementation plan to be filed for approval within 160 days from the date of the order. (Sept. 20, 2005) Joe referred to the last two paragraphs of the ICC's position as guidance:

"Accordingly, the most appropriate form of relief for the 618 NPA is the all-services distributed overlay described in Alternative 3. The Commission finds Alternative 3 the most appropriate option for the same reasons cited by the parties supporting an overlay. The Commission, however, strongly encourages Staff and the members of the industry to cooperate in delaying the implementation of the overlay through any reasonable means necessary to make more numbers in the 618 NPA available for use.

With regard to implementing the overlay relief plan, the Commission directs Staff and the industry to meet within 60 days after the entry of this Second Interim Order and formulate an implementation plan. **As Staff suggests, the implementation plan should include a permissive dialing period and an education program.** Any other issues that the participants deem necessary to address should also be considered in the development of the implementation plan. The Commission further finds that the implementation plan should be formulated and offered for approval as a compliance filing in this docket within 160 days from the date of this Second Interim Order."

REACH CONSENSUS ON IMPLEMENTATION INTERVALS

The industry discussed at length how it could establish a trigger mechanism to be used to establish the implementation intervals needed to allow for appropriate printing of customer notices and the distribution of them and provide at least a six (6) month permissive dialing period. The desire was also expressed to allow the industry time to prepare the network for permissive dialing without premature customer notification. The objective of this trigger would be to avoid forcing the general public to have mandatory 10-digit dialing sooner than was required and to provide ample time for the transition to the new overlay. An industry member suggested and consensus was reached to adopt the following implementation intervals:

The industry would delay the start of implementation of relief as long as possible and agreed to reconvene when the number of available codes for assignment reaches 65. The industry will review the historical code demand and most current exhaust forecast for the 618 NPA and determine if we are at the appropriate time to establish a thirteen-month implementation interval to provide six-month network preparation, six-month permissive dialing and 1 month before activation of first

code in the new NPA. Customer notification would start within 3 months prior to permissive dialing.

When the industry determines it is time to establish the thirteen-month implementation it will identify specific dates for the start of permissive dialing and mandatory dialing that will be reflected in NANPA's Planning Letter.

NANPA will include the 618 NPA in the trigger chart to monitor the number of available codes for assignment and will reconvene an industry meeting when the number of available codes reaches 65.

REACH CONSENSUS ON CUSTOMER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Per the order the industry is to include a customer education plan in its filing. The industry reached consensus on the following:

Service Providers agreed to provide timely and comprehensive customer education within three months prior to the start of permissive dialing and again prior to the start of mandatory dialing.

DIALING PLAN

A proposal was made and consensus reached to reconvene on July 26, 2005, to determine the recommended dialing plan that will be included in the filing to be made by the September 20th deadline.

TEST NUMBER

Joe stated that a test number is required per the INC guidelines and is to be listed in the Planning Letter. However, the details of its availability will be determined when the level of remaining codes is reached to start implementation. Verizon stated they would provide the test number and recording.

PLANNING LETTER

Joe stated the Planning Letter would be published following the final decision from the ICC.

MEETING MINUTES DISTRIBUTION and APPROVE THE MINUTES AND PLAN

It was agreed that the draft minutes resulting from this meeting and the draft Implementation Plan will be distributed to the Industry by posting them on the NANPA website no later than June 6, 2005. It was agreed the industry would meet again on June 14, 2005 at 1:00 PM CT to review and approve the draft minutes and filing. After June 14th the final minutes would be posted to NANPA's website.

The details of the next conference call are as follows:

Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2005

Time: 11:00 AM Pacific, 1:00 PM Central, 2:00 PM Eastern

Dial-in number: 630-827-6799

Pass code: 8973724 #

Adjourned

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**618-730 NPA – ILLINOIS
Overlay Implementation Meeting
VIA CONFERENCE CALL
May 24, 2005**

PARTICIPANTS

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Marcy Baxter	AT&T
Stacie Houghton	Cbeyond
Ron Kakiki	Cingular
Matt Bollinger	Egyptian Telephone
Kevin Jacobson	Egyptian Telephone
Ron Mueller	Harrisonville Tel
John Mayer	Harrisonville Tel
George Light	ICC
Kathy Stewart	ICC
Joe Cocke	NANPA Relief Planning
Wayne Milby	NANPA Relief Planning
Joe Rano	NANPA CO Code Admin
Kevin Gatchell	NeuStar Pooling Admin.
Tim Booth	NeuStar Pooling Imp.
Renate Howell	SBC
George Guerra	SBC
Natalie McNamer	T-Mobile
Charlotte Holden	T-Mobile
Jena Downs	Verizon
Aubrey Anderson	Verizon
Yun Lee	Verizon
Diane Willams	Verizon
Catherine Palcic	Verizon
Dana Smith	Verizon Wireless

**Before the
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
Springfield, Illinois 62701**

NANPA,
on behalf of the Illinois Telecommunications
Industry

ICC Docket No. 00-0677

Petition for Approval of Numbering Plan
Area Relief Planning for the 618 Area Code

**REPORT AND RESPONSE TO ORDER REQUESTING APPROVAL OF
INDUSTRY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

Pursuant to the Illinois Commerce Commission's ("Commission") April 20, 2005 Second Interim Order ("Second Interim Order") in the above-referenced docket, NeuStar, Inc., in its role as the North American Numbering Plan Administrator ("NANPA") and on behalf of the Illinois telecommunications industry ("Industry"),¹ hereby requests Commission approval of the Industry's consensus implementation plan for relief of the 618 numbering plan area ("NPA") code. In order for the Industry to adhere to the Commission's suggestion to delay the implementation of the Commission-ordered overlay through any reasonable means necessary, the Industry decided to delay the start of implementation of relief for as long as possible and agreed to reconvene to decide upon firm implementation dates when the number of available central office ("CO") codes for assignment reaches 65.

¹ The Industry is composed of current and prospective telecommunications carriers operating in or considering operations within the 618 area code of Illinois.

In the 618 NPA Relief Order, the Commission ordered the Industry to implement an all services distributed overlay. The 618 NPA Relief Order also required the Industry to formulate an implementation plan for the overlay and work with the Commission Staff to delay, by any reasonable means, the need for implementation of the relief plan. The 618 NPA Relief Order required the Industry to submit the plan to the Commission for approval.² NANPA, therefore, convened and facilitated implementation meetings of the Industry to discuss implementation of the 618 NPA relief plan and file a report with the Commission requesting approval of the plan.

NANPA facilitated meetings of the Industry by conference call on May 24 and June 14, 2005.³ During those meetings, the Industry reviewed the Second Interim Order and reached consensus to adopt an implementation schedule and dialing patterns. Specifically, the Industry agreed to delay the implementation of the overlay and reconvene when the number of CO codes available for assignment in the 618 NPA reaches 65. As of April 30, 2005, 142 CO codes remain available for assignment and, pursuant to current jeopardy rationing procedures, the monthly rationed amount of CO code assignments is 5. Once the amount of CO codes available for assignment reaches 65, the industry will review the historical CO code demand for the 618 NPA and determine if there is a sufficient number of CO codes available to allow for the establishment of a 13-month implementation interval. This interval will include six months for network preparation, six months for permissive dialing (the period during

² Second Interim Order at 16.

³ A copy of the minutes of the May 24 and June 14, 2005 meetings, including a list of participants at each meeting, is attached as Attachment A and Attachment B, respectively. The implementation meetings were held within 60 days from the date of the Second Interim Order as directed by the Commission. Second Interim Order at 16.

which customers may dial either seven or ten [OR 1 plus 10] digits within the overlay) and one month of mandatory ten [OR 1 plus 10] digit dialing before activation of the new NPA code. The Industry has agreed that it will begin comprehensive customer education three months prior to the commencement of permissive dialing and mandatory dialing. It also provides at least six months permissive dialing for customers to become acclimated to the new dialing pattern. NANPA will monitor the number of CO codes available for assignment in the 618 NPA and will reconvene the Industry for a follow-up meeting when the number of available codes reaches 65.

The Industry adopted a dialing plan for the implementation of the overlay. The Industry noted that the dialing plan should be _____.

The Industry's dialing plan is set forth in the table below.

DIALING PLAN

Type of call	Call terminating to	Dialing plan

NANPA, on behalf of the Industry, respectfully requests that the Commission approve the Industry's plan for the implementation of the 618 NPA.

Respectfully submitted,

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